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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) ☐ Other: _____

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claims 10-15**, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art Page 1 of Specification in view of Pogue, Jr. et al. (US Patent Number 5,144,667).

Regarding **Claims 10**, the admitted prior art teaches a method for assigning a remote control operation to a base station, comprising the steps of: causing the base station to transmit a search signal; returning a contact signal from the remote control operation in response to an agreement of the search signal with a stored reference signal; causing the base station to subsequently transmit an activation signal capable of being changed in response to each assignment, the activation signal being capable of verifying a matching to the remote control operation (Page 1 lines 3-21). The admitted prior art fails to teach that before the search signal is transmitted from the base station, determining the activation signal, wherein the activation signal is only recalled for the assignment. However Pogue teaches a method that the search signal is transmitted from the base station, determining the activation signal, wherein the activation signal is only recalled for the assignment (column 5 lines 9-23). Therefore, it would have been obvious to ordinary skill in the

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art at the time the invention is made to provide the above teaching of Pogue to the admitted prior art, in order to provide an inexpensive and more secure system.

Regarding **Claims 11-12**, the admitted prior art teaches a method according further comprising the step of: before the search signal is transmitted by the base station, determining a response signal, wherein the remote control operation responds in accordance with the response signal after the activation signal is received (Page 1 lines 5-23).

Regarding **Claim 13**, the admitted prior art teaches a method according further comprising the step of: determining another activation signal capable of being changed, the other activation signal being determined if a response signal sent back by the remote control operation in response to the activation signal does not agree with a predetermined set point response signal in the base station (page 1 lines 4-13).

Regarding **Claim 14**, the admitted prior art teaches a method according wherein: the search signal is transmitted a plurality of times, each time being immediately after another, if no contact signal is received in response to the preceding search signal (page 1 lines 5-11).

Regarding **Claim 15**, the admitted prior teaches a method wherein: an execution time of the step of determining the other activation signal is based on carrying out security-relevant arithmetic operations, which carry out response is less than three milliseconds (Page 1 lines 15-18).

Therefore the admitted prior art inherently teaches the step of determining the other activation signal is lengthened in comparison to a shortest possible execution time.

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3. **Claims 16-18**, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art Page 1 of Specification and Pogue, Jr. et al (US Patent Number 5,144,667) in view of Paneth et al. (US Patent Number 6,282,80 B1).

Regarding **Claims 16-17**, The admitted prior art teaches a base station comprising: a transmitting/receiving device for transmitting a search signal and an activation signal capable of being changed, and for receiving a contact signal and a response signal from remote control operations, an arrangement for performing one of a causing and an evaluating of each signal received by the transmitting/receiving device, wherein, the arrangement for performing one of the causing and the evaluating (Page 1, lines 3-24). The admitted prior art fails to teach determines the activation signal before a transmission of the search signal from the base station occurs, and the arrangement for performing one of the causing and the evaluating only recalls the activation signal for an assignment, and unit assigning at least one of the remote control operations to the base station and making possible test for matching. However Pogue teaches a method that determines the activation signal before a transmission of the search signal from the base station occurs, and the arrangement for performing one of the causing and the evaluating only recalls the activation signal for an assignment, and unit assigning at least one of the remote control operations to the base station and making possible test for matching (column 5 lines 9-23). Therefore, it would have been obvious to ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention is made to provide the above teaching of Pogue to the admitted prior art, in order to provide an inexpensive and more secure system. The combination of admitted prior art and Pogue fails to

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teach a non-volatile memory. However Paneth teaches a non-volatile memory unit (Column 26 lines 62-67). Therefore, it would have been obvious to ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention is made to provide the above teaching of Paneth to the combination admitted prior art of and Pogue, in order to provide a base station with a memory that can be reprogram at different time.

Regarding **Claim 18**, the admitted prior art teaches a system composing a base station including: a first transmitting/receiving a search signal and an activation signal capable of being changed, and for receiving a contact signal and a response signal from remote control operations, a first arrangement for performing one of a causing and an evaluating of each signal received by the transmitting/receiving device, wherein: the arrangement for performing/receiving device (Page 1 lines 3-23). The admitted prior art fails to teach determines the activation signal before a transmission of the search signal from the base station occurs, and the arrangement for performing one of the causing and the evaluating only recalls the activation signal for an assignment, and unit assigning at least one of the remote control operations to the base station and making possible test for matching. However Pogue teaches a method that determines the activation signal before a transmission of the search signal from the base station occurs, and the arrangement for performing one of the causing and the evaluating only recalls the activation signal for an assignment, and unit assigning at least one of the remote control operations to the base station and making possible test for matching (column 5 lines 9-23). Therefore, it would have been obvious to ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention is made to provide the above teaching of Pogue to the admitted prior

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Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Brinkmeyer et al. (US Patent Number 5,774,550) disclose vehicle security device with electronic use authorization coding

Cole et al. (US Patent Number 5,091,939) disclose method and apparatus for processing power control signals in CDMA mobile telephone system

Million et al. (US Patent Number 4,797,948) disclose vehicle identification technique for vehicle monitoring system employing RF communication

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